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Strain-tuning of the unconventional superconductor Sr_2RuO_4

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Abstract:

In this talk I will discuss the response of the unconventional superconductor Sr_2RuO_4 to uniaxial stress. By using piezoelectric actuators to apply the stress in situ, we have been able to apply uniaxial stresses of up to nearly 2 GPa with the sample deformation remaining elastic, corresponding to a strain of over 1%. Such large strains almost certainly drive one of the Fermi surfaces through a Lifshitz transition, and associated Van Hove singularity in the density of states. Corresponding to this transition, there are prominent anomalies in resistivity, T_c , H_{c2} , and magnetic susceptibility. The strong enhancement in H_{c2} suggests an even-parity superconducting order parameter at the Van Hove singularity, however there remains compelling experimental evidence that the order parameter is odd-parity at low strains.